OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 17, 2003

Members Present:

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Alan McCoy

Steve Davison

Staff Present:

Mike Garvey

Rebecca Blagrave

Sherrie Crain

Others Present:

Jackie Richey

The Operations Committee met for its break out session following a joint meeting of commission advisory committees.

DISCUSSION:

1) Specialty Care Transport

It was suggested that the committee develop training objectives if the areas of advanced IV, medications and blood products, vent patients, and hemodynamics. The Education Committee could then develop training modules based on the objectives. The goal is to standardize the curriculum around the state. This would be a 2-year goal.

The committee will also look at what other states are doing and gather additional information on the federal regulation.

2) Funding

Funding needs to be an issue of awareness whenever the commission takes action that has

an impact on provider organizations. There si little the commission can do to ease providers funding concerns.

The commission should approach the appropriate authorities regarding the establishment of an exemption for EMS organizations.

3) IC/Triage/Tracking/HazMat

Training modules can be developed in these areas. The program can then be presented as an update course and possibly added to the basic curriculum. Driver's education can also be a mandatory item for inservice training.

4) Statewide Protocols.

The development of protocols should be a long-term, 5-year goal.